

Amendment
COC11-GN002
Serial No. 10/624,924

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 13-19 are pending. Claims 7-12 and 20-38 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The September 2 Office action indicates that all pending claims, 1-38, are subject to a second restriction or election requirement. The Office action indicates that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elected to prosecute Species I as recited in the July 13 Office action that included Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8, corresponding to claims 1-6, 13-19, 20-33, and 37, **without traverse**. The instant Office action indicates that the elected claims fall within two patentably distinct species characterized by Group I, corresponding to claims 1-19, and Group II, corresponding to claims 20-38. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, **without traverse**, corresponding to claims 1-19. In light of the previous election responsive to the July 13 Office action, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-6 and 13-19, **without traverse**.

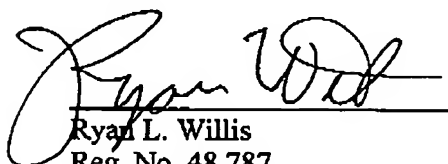
Claims 7-12 and 20-38 directed to the nonelected species have been cancelled to bring the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3072.

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In light of the foregoing, Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowability of claims 1-6 and 13-19. Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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